

**the Two Ships.**  
As I stood by the cross on the lone mountain's crest,  
Looking over the infinite sea,  
At the gloom of the mountain a ship lay at  
rest.  
And one sail away from the lee;  
One spreads its white sails on a far-reaching  
track;  
With pennant and sheet flowing free;  
One hides in shadow with sails laid back—  
The ship that is waiting for me.  
  
**But** in the distance the clouds break  
away;  
The sun's glowing portals I see;  
And I hear from the outgoing ships in the  
bay  
The song of the sailors in glee;  
No I think of the luminous foot-prints that  
were  
Confers o'er dark Galilee,  
And where the soul is to go to the shore,  
To the ship that is waiting for me.  
  
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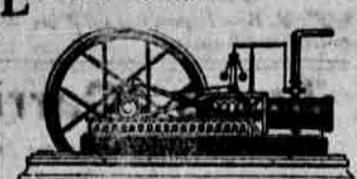
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